

# Exempted Camping

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*The Exempted Camping  
Committee*

# The Exempted Camping Committee

Bob White	Committee Chairman
Allen Russell	Committee Vice Chairman

Mel Hill	Executive
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Alan Taylor	Elected Member
Chris Chester	Elected Member
Helen Curtis	Co-Opted Member
Roger Adams	Co-Opted Member
John Payne	National Parks Officer

# The Exempted Camping Committee

To promote and protect the Club's entrusted Exemptions granted to us by the following regulatory bodies, under which the Club's camping activities are carried out:

- Natural England
- The Welsh Assembly
- The Northern Ireland Assembly
- The Scottish Parliament

The Committee ensures Club activity is conducted within the guidelines issued by Natural England. We have a strong working relationship with the above, and they consult with us on a number of matters regarding the use of the Exemptions by other organisations.

There are currently over 500 Clubs holding an exemption to operate Meets and/or Temporary Holiday Sites in the UK.



# The Exempted Camping Committee

As part of the responsibilities, the Exempted Camping Committee will conduct ongoing reviews and assess Certificated Site applications in terms of:

- Demand for camping and the number of existing CSs within a given area
- Application case profiling (point scoring)
- Objections and comments from local authorities and neighbours.

The Committee also develop, set and approve the budget for the Exempted Camping Department.

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## Meets Control Scheme

In order to administer and ensure best practice is maintained for the Club's camping events within the National Parks, the Meets Control Scheme was implemented and is applied annually across all Club Units.

Proposed camping events to be held within a National Park, including those from ACCEO must be submitted onto the Exempted Camping Database no later than the 1 May in the previous year. This ensures an adequate consultation period with the appropriate National Park Authorities.

John Payne, the Club's National Parks Officer is responsible for a team of Regional National Parks Site Officers, and represents the Club's interests at the 'Campaign for National Parks' and 'Scottish Campaign for National Parks' meetings



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# The Exemptions

## Paragraph 4 – Temporary Holiday Sites

Due to holding a paragraph 4 exemption certificate, the Club is permitted to arrange Temporary Holiday Sites (THSs) throughout the country without the need to obtain a site license normally required by planning legislation.

- THSs are between 6-28 days
- Organised by Club Regions, District Associations or Special Interest Sections
- Submitted via the Exempted Camping Database
- Listed within *Out & About* online and within our monthly magazine

We consult with local planning authorities regarding sites before we use them.

Non-members are allowed to attend as a guest within a members unit.

Approximately 450 THSs are held annually



# The Exemptions

## Paragraph 5 – Certificated Sites

A paragraph 5 exemption certificate permits the Club to establish and certificate small campsites known as Certificated Sites (CSs) annually within the UK, without the requirement of a site license via the local authority.

- Members Only
- A maximum of 5 caravans/motorhomes, and up to 10 tents onsite at any one time
- Maximum stay of 28 consecutive days during any one stay
- Listed within the Club's online site directory 'Siteseeker.co.uk'

We consult with local planning authorities and directly affected neighbours prior to establishment.

Currently have a network of 1525 Certificated Sites

# The Exemptions

## Paragraph 6 – Meets

The paragraph 6 exemption certificate permits the Club to operate camping events specifically for its members, again without the need to obtain planning permission from the local authority.

- Meets are between 1-5 days
- Members Only
- Organised by Club Regions, District Associations or Special Interest Sections
- Submitted via the Exempted Camping Database
- Listed within *Out & About* online and within our monthly magazine

Approximately 2500 Meets are held annually

# The Exempted Camping Committee Strategy





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A Committee driven 3 year strategy plan that details prioritised actions for the department to scope and implement on Committee's behalf. The strategy is reviewed annually to assess the progress made.

To improve the overall quality of the CS network, incorporating the implementation of a new proximity and application process. As well as increasing the revenue obtained by introducing a biennial certification fee for new site owners.

- Online Booking System for CSs
- Senior Site Officers – Officer Mentoring
- Promotion of Meets and THSs to members
- Continued development of the Exempted Camping Database

# Latest Statistics

## Certificated Sites

The Club's network of Certificated Sites continues to grow with 98 new sites being established, bringing the current total to 1,525.

## Temporary Holiday Sites and Meets

Club units organised 448 Temporary Holiday Sites during 2015 with 78,730 adults and 12,350 children taking advantage of the 201,309 unit nights available to Club members.

2,433 Meets were organised by Club units, with 90,607 adults and 13,017 children taking advantage of the 118,444 unit nights available.

Questions?